

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/US2004/032934

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61L27/34 A61L27/44 A61F2/14

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, MEDLINE, BIOSIS, EMBASE, INSPEC, COMPENDEX, CHEM ABS Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1 (in part), 2-4, 7, 8, 1-17

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1 (in part), 2-4,7,8,1-17

Preparation of artificial cornea by coating with an attachment mixture

2. claim: 5

Preparation of artificial cornea by coating with a BCE-ECM coating

3. claim: 6

Preparation of artificial cornea by coating with DLC

4. claims: 18-21

Preparation of artificial cornea without coating or with a non-specified coating

5. claims: 1 (in part), 9,10

Attachment mixture and its use in modification of any biopolymer

6. claims: 22-26

Biopolymer with RPE cells for retina repair

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Information on patent family members

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